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SUBJECT : Kerch/Bagerovo Search for EW Radar Station and Subsector Headquarters

REFERENCE : NSA Requirement (NPIC Project N 975-64)

1. In response to the referenced requirement, a search was made to identify an EW radar station and subsector headquarters reported to be located at either 45-23N 36-15E or 45-23N 36-25E, near the cities of Kerch and Bagerovo, USSR.

2. A study of the above locations, using good quality photography of [] reveals no identifiable radar equipment at either set of coordinates. The facility located at 45-23N 36-25E appears to be the support area for the Kerch/Katerlez Airfield, and consists of approximately 10 buildings. The other referenced location consists of a portion of the operations area for Kerch/Bagerovo Airfield.

3. A search of the area surrounding the above locations reveals the probable location of the subsector headquarters to be at 45-23N 36-12E. The facility located at these coordinates contains approximately 18 buildings (mostly administration and probable control type), a rectangular probable hardstand, a building and a large rectangular structure of unidentified purpose located in a separate secured area to the west, and a small-arms firing range. Although this facility cannot be conclusively identified as the subsector headquarters, it is felt to be the best candidate because of its location and general appearance.

4. Further search of the area reveals a possible radar site at 45-19N 36-22E which consists of at least two probable mounds, each supporting unidentified equipment (possibly radars), several additional pieces of unidentified equipment, and 9-10 buildings/structures. Scale does not permit identification of the equipment.

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5. The lack of positive identification is a limitation imposed by the scale of the photography. Past experience has shown that radar components are always difficult and at times impossible to identify at these scales, even where it is known from ground photography that such sites exist.

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